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ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

Systems and methods for updating the presence information of a user associated with one or more clients. The presence information often indicates the status of a user in an instant messaging environment. A client view is associated with each separate client and the master view or status reflected to other subscribers or clients in the instant messaging environment is determined by evaluating each of the separate client views. In this manner the current status of a user may be accurately reflected to a user's subscribers.

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